

GREETINGS FROM STATE SENATOR BILL HARDIMAN.....

Dear Friends,

I would like to inform you of what has been taking place in Lansing over the past couple of weeks.

LUNCH AT THE WHITE HOUSE

On February 28, 2003 President George W. Bush invited forty influential leaders in the African American community to join him for lunch in recognition of Black History Month.

I am grateful that I was chosen to be one of the forty individuals to meet with the President of the United States. President Bush is an honorable man and a great leader who genuinely desires to address racial relations in America.

MARCH IS READING MONTH

I encourage parents and grandparents to take time to read to their children and grandchildren during *March is Reading Month*. As parents both my wife Clova and I took the time to sit down with our daughter and read while she was growing up. I cannot overstate the importance of what reading to your children or grandchildren means to their educational development.

Developing a child's awareness and encouraging their interest in reading promotes an investment in the younger residents of our community. Both my wife and I look forward to participating in reading to various classrooms throughout my district during March is Reading Month.

THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES 2003-2004 BUDGET

The Governor presented her 2003-2004 budget on Thursday, March 6, 2003. I am committed to working with my fellow colleagues to balance the budget without raising taxes in the coming months. I will work very hard to hold K-12 education funding harmless to make sure every child has the opportunity for a world-class education. I will also assure the citizens of this great State of Michigan affordable and accessible healthcare. Currently our state faces economic hardships and a vast budget to balance, but my commitment here in Lansing is to represent the hardworking families.

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